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**UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**TRENTON MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL AMMUNITION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Trenton, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of ammunition. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

**Steven L. May**, 50, of Trenton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to one year and four months in federal prison without parole.

On March 2, 2005, **May** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of ammunition. By pleading guilty, **May** admitted that he was in possession of numerous rounds of .22-caliber, .44-caliber and .308-caliber ammunition on June 3, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **May** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for the sale of a controlled substance.

**May** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Grundy County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Trenton, Mo., Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation.

**Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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